(b) whether any arbitration committee has been appointed regarding the sharing of the Tungabhadra Project; and

(c) what steps the Government are taking to expedite the matter?

A.—(a) No. The survey operations are expected to continue at least till the end of February 1936.

(b) & (c) No. If the hon. Member refers to the sharing of the Tungabhadra waters, his attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 152.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" May I know whether any arbitration committee has been appointed and if so, when it is likely to begin its sittings?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I think I have already told this House that the matter is with the Government of India. We have made our recommendations and it is for them to take further action. The Madras Government cannot at present take any action of its own accord."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" I want to know whether any further action has been taken since?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Since when?"

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" Since Question No. 152 was last answered."

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Not so far as I am aware, Sir."

Publication of the report of the Special Officer appointed, in the first instance, to report on the possibility of providing irrigational facilities from the Mettur Reservoir to Salem.

* 297 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) who the Special Officer is who has been deputed to investigate originally into the possibility or otherwise of providing water for irrigation in Salem district from the Mettur reservoir;

(b) for how long the investigation was made, and what the expenditure involved is;

(c) whether a copy of the original report made by him will be placed on the table;

(d) what the remarks of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are on the said report, and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(e) what orders have been passed by the Government on the same, and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. V. Ayyadurai Ayyar Avargal, now Deputy Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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(b) (i) From 26th February 1929 to 31st December 1929.
(ii) Rs. 37,195.

(c) *to* (e) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to G.O. No. 1214 I., dated 14th April 1930, which was placed on the table, on 6th November 1930.

Insufficiency of sluices in the Chepad project, Proddatur taluk.

* 298 *Q.*—Mr. T. NARASA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the ryots of lands under the Chepad project are complaining of the insufficiency of sluices to irrigate their lands;

(b) whether the Public Works Department has bestowed any attention to the above grievances;

(c) whether it is a fact that an uneven rate of water-cess is levied on the lands of the above Chepad project in Proddatur taluk;

(d) how many sluices have been sanctioned to be constructed in the above channel and when were they sanctioned; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is yet a large area which can be irrigated under the project provided the number of sluices is increased in this channel?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the rules for the levy of water-cess in the taluk. A copy of the rules is annexed.[a]

(d) Two additional sluices were sanctioned by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in 1934–35. The existing sluice at mile 19–0–430 ft. has been ordered during the current year to be shifted to mile 18–7–520 ft. in the right bank of the channel and sanction given for forming a high level field channel in rear of it.

(e) The extent of land still to be brought under irrigation is about 3,000 acres. It does not seem necessary to increase the number of sluices in order to bring this extent under cultivation.

Publication of the rules regulating the supply of water under the Mopad reservoir.

* 299 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place on the table of the House a copy of the water regulations now in force under the Mopad reservoir; and (ii) to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1933–34 the sluices were opened for irrigation when the supply in the reservoir was 12 feet and in the year 1934–35 when it was only 10 feet;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 228–229 infra.